SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: I hope, Sir, you will give time.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): You will get your time.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What about facilities, Sir?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): You cannot force him.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Let him say that he will consider or something.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): The question is:

": That the Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and Pensions of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration"

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): We shall now take up clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

"That clauses 2 to 10 stand part of the Bill."

The motion as adopted.

Clauses 2 to 10 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Sir, I move:

" That the Bill be passed"

The question was proposed.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Sir, some of the MPs do not have spouses. So, instead of spouses they may bring with them their father, their mother or their brother. So instead of 'spouse' a suitable word should be substituted so that these relations can be accommodated.

My second point is that there should be a provision for ex-Members also in this Bill. Railway passes for ex-MPs should also be given. Ex-MPs have got commitments and they too have to come to Delhi off and on. So, it is better if Railway passes are given to them also. If pension is enhanced, it will benefit all ex-MPs.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: So, you are worried for future.

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT: Sir, I find it very difficult to say no to ladies, but at this stage I can only offer my personal sympathies to her and to others. Nothing more.

SHRI PARVATHENENI UPENDRA: What about telephone?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I express my sympthies for telephones too. I cannot make any other commitment. I will request the House to pass the Bill unanimously.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): The question is:

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Clarification on the statement Regarding PEPSICO

THE VICE-CHARMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): We will now take up reply.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Frist of all I am very grateful to the members for expressing their views on the Statement-I made.

The hon. Members had sought clarification on the statement made by me in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd November regarding clearance given to the pro-

posal of M/s. Punjab Agro-Industries Coporation in collaboration with M|s. pepsico.

Before I reply to the clarifications sought by the hon. Members, I would like to say that the Ministry of food processing Industries was created primarily to achieve the Prime Minister's desire o generate employment opportunities in the rural areas. to reduce wastage in food crops and to raise the net level of rural income and to bring the power of modern technology and marketing techniques directly in the aid of farmers and to explore new foreign market in a number of areas towards furthering the export of processed goods.

Sir, there has bten apprehension and I think all the members who spoke yesteray, gave me the impression as if the Pepsice people are the only people who are going to run the company. I would like to make it very clear, in no way have we given a licence to a foreign company or to the Pepsico company. We have given a licence to the State Corporation—the Punjab State Agro-Industries. They have taken partners—Tatas and the Pepsico. It is not true that the Punjab Government only approached the Pepsico people for this. For quite some time the Punjab Government has been looking for partners. They had approached a number of big companies. I would like to name a few companies. They are: Suncrest Company of USA. Clobs of USA. Hans of USA. You will be surprised that while they were negotiating with these companies, all these companies refused equity participation. They only wanted to sell that technology to India and take the money. They were not even to take any export obligation.

It is also not true that no other company in India applied. I would like to give an example of Parle. The Indian company, Parle, also put up a proposal with Mayojota group of Japan. However, this offer was withdrawn by the Parle group itself. Moreover, this proposal had no export obligation at all.

I can assure that the Government is willing to consider any similar proposal from any Indian company for collaboration. So, this must be taken away from the people's mind and the hon. Members' mind that in any way we have been influenced by the Pepsico people or the company which is running the Pepsi Cola. It is purely an Indian Company run by the Indians. Wherever this apprehension has come that destablisation has taken place, I cannot tell you what the truth is...wherever this mischief has been created or known to be created. Sir, where is the question of hundred per cent American company here? There is no question of any company being American hundred per cent in India. According to the laws they are having 40 per cent equity participation. They are hundreds of companies in our country who are having 40 per cent equity participation. Even in West Bengal the Chief Minister of that State had asked certain companies to come and put up the power generation plants and other plants. So I do not know why one way should be atken. Already there are hundreds of companies in our country, are these not good companies? Again I would like to emphasise here that these are the Indian companies which have got the licence. They will be controlled by the Indian companies.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): What about the brand name ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: I am coming to that point.

So the proposal of Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for setting up this composite unit *inter alia* includes agro research centre, potato grain processing units, fruit and vegetable processing units and a soft drink con-

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centrate manufacturing unit. Again the impression is that the whole proposal is only for soft drink. Soft drink has only 25 per cent and the rest of all is based on the agro industires and, I think, that was the main aim when this proposal was thought of.

Sir, the whole project has to be viewed in the overall context of increasing job opportunities in the rural areas as well as to increase the overall production of fruit and vegetables by the application of modern technology.

Honourable Members, Mr. Kulkarni and Mr. Kalmadi have sought a number of clarifications. They have asked whether the use of Pepsi brand name will be permitted, whether the concentrate will be produced in the country, when the trade name is not going to be used, what is the need of import of a chemical and flavour. I want to categorically state that no foreign brand name will be used for the purpose of domestic sale. So the Pepsicola is their brand name. Here I would like to give examples of 7 or 8 companies who have collaboration. According to the laws of this nation and laws of the State they would be allowed to use their names but not the names which have been registered in their companies. For example, Kawasaki Bajaj, Indo-Suzuki, Hero-Honda, Rajdoot Yamaha, Maruti- Suzuki, Birla Yamaha, Swaraj Mazda, Allwyn Nissan, Eschel-Mitsubishi, Sriram Honda, and Modi Xerox.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, may I interrupt the Minister?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): At the end you can interrupt.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Let me complete.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: I don not want to raise this quorum question. But as soon as our salaries and allowances have been raised all the ruling party Members left.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: There is an AICC(I) session going. You must excuse us for that.

SHRI A.G. KULKARNI: As if your Members are sitting. Your army has already left.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Nobody has left.

SHRI A G. KULKARNI: Your N. T. Rama Rao is lying on the roads.

SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Why do you bring his name here?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, as far as the import of chemicals are concerned, only those chemicals and such other flavours which are being permitted to other companies in terms of import trade control policy will alone be permtitd and the project will be export 50 per cent of it's total turn-over in value for a period of ten years for the commencement of commercial production whereas all the agreements which have been in the country, their export obligation is only for five years. This extra condition we have got from them and this export obligation will be for 10 years. I may add, Sir, that some ingredients are even imported by the existing soft drink companies. Even this collaboration will be according to the existing policy and parameters.

The foreign exchange inflow shall not be less than five times the foreign exchange outflow of the project during the ten year period. One of the points raised was, how the exports will be monitored? Foreign collaborators share all the profits and will be allowed to repatriate only when the export commitment is there for that year; otherwise they

will not be allowed to take out even a single pie from this country.

Mr. Dipen Ghosh has also sought a clarification. He wanted to know whether there has been a policy shift. I want to categorically state that the approval has been granted to an Indian company, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation which includes joint venture and the foreign collaboration is just like many other business companies allowed in the country. Nowhere, the Government has stated that it has opposed the project. I would like to clarify that no terms or conditions, as set by the CCEA have been altered or changed. The CCEA has approved in principle that 50 per cent of the turnover per annum would be exported. Hon'ble Members Shri Chitta Basu and Shri Ashwani Kumar have asked clarification about the scope of Agro-Research Centre. I would like to clarify that Agro-Research Centre, which is one of the salient features of this package will cover development of improved varieties, development of optimum production technology, multiplication of high quality seeds and oil seeds research. These are also high priority areas of research. It will improve overall availability of hybrid seeds which will help the farmers in improving their productivity.

It is not correct to say that Pepsi Cola has no experience in food processing. 60 percent of the Pepsi Cola's turnover is in food processing. Yesterday, most of the Members said, it is only a soft drink company. 60 per cent of their total turnover is in the food processing venture.

SHRI PARAVATHANENI UPENDRA: Have they got any experience in fruit processing also?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Yes, I think, the concentrate of the orange is one of their big expertise. The agro-centre will function in close collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana. The agro research centre will supplement the activities of the ICAR and the Punjab Agriculture University will also supplement its activities with the broad objective and the policies of the ICAR and the Punjab Agriculture University. in the manner of the development hybrid seeds of high quality variety with specific reference to the need of the industry of the processing variety.

Some apprehension has been raised whether entry of multi-national will destabilise this country. I would like to say that our people are mature people and we should not be afraid that the entry of a multi-national company will be destablsing this country. I would like to mention what I said earlier, wherever apprehension has been of these companies trying to destablise or trying to create problems are where the companies are 100 per cent American companies and in no way, we will ever allow any foreign company to be 100 per cent owned by foreigners. So, it will be under the control of the Indians and specially, the Punjab Government and Punjab Government is capable of looking after their security.

Another point which has been raised is whether Pepsi Cola will be using harmful chemicals. I would say that no harmful chemical will be allowed to be used and action will be taken in accordance with national law against any contravention of this particular thing. Some Members like Mr. Matto have expressed apprehension yesterday. Some Members have raised the point whether all the political parties have supported this proposal. In this connection, the Punjab Agro-Industries Corporation had convened a meeting of all political parties in Punjab in

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which representatives of these political parties had attended the meeting and except the Janata apprehension about the cold drink, they had all supported the proposal in toto. Some apprehensions have been expressed about the employment potential. I would like to assure that 50,000 jobs, both direct and indirect will be created. I have my apprehension that it will be more because you see, if you take a little 25 per cent of the cold drinks, I would say, even if you put up 50 bottling plants in the country, each plant takes about 1500 employment directly or indirectly. It crosses that even, but 75 per cent on agro-based and you can imagine the kind of jobs you are going to create. Looking at the position in Punjab, I do not think, Sir, any Member should have any objection when we try to create an industry which will create jobs for the rural youths, who are being misled for obvious reasons.

A reference has also been made about the Secretary's (Food and Processing Industries) statement in the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce which was in regard to the package of fiscal incentives to be granted in general to the food processing industries for speedy development of the same. This is what has been cleared by the Cabinet. He has made a statement and we stand by it.

As regards using apples both from Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh in this project, I would like to tell you, this project is not necessary only for Punjab. We have taken into consideration Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir and one of the schemes which we are bringing is air-conditioning carriers and this is where a lot of concessions and incentives we are going to give and this will save our apples from the landslides. I think, we are going to ask these companies which are coming to go to Jammu and Kashmir .... to go to Himachal Pradesh. And I have got already enquiries from West Bengal, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. People are coming. We are trying to tell them to go to different parts of the country where there are surplus foods and hybrid seeds. Let us have better quality and better production.

I think I have answered most of the important questions.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Brand name?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: This is under the Punjab Government. The name Pepsicola will not be there. It can be Punjab-Pepsi or India-Pepsi.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I am not really impressed. And I fail to agree with my young friend on the clarifications he has made. At the outset he says that brand names used to have 'Kawasaki', Suzuki' and 'Maruti' and all those things. Mr. Tytler, you are an intelligent person. You must know that these are essentially very good items for the middle class. What I am objecting to and what this Government and our Congress party have objected to is the items by which the elitist are only benefited. I am principle as a Congressman. I would like to tell my young friends, 'Do not have liberalism of such nature'. If it has been for some industry involving high-technology, I would have been one with you. But this is a low-priority technology.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): Please, be brief, Mr. Kulkarni. Let us not convert it into a discussion.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: The important point is the socialistic pattern of society for which my and your party stands. My second point is this. What has happened to the various nothings of the Secretaries and Ministries? I have quoted from Government files. All of a sudden,

how these people changed their minds and came to the conclusion that they should support? My last point is, you are all along having a good use of English by saying brand name is not there, but Pepsi-Punjab or Tytler-Pepsi will be there.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: No. No Tytler-Pepsi.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO (Jammu and Kashmir): Let it be Appa Saheb-Pepsi.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Appaji-Pepsi or Matto-Pepsi will be there. Please, for heaven's sake, allow only the potato part of it and curtail the Pepsi part of it.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: The agreement has already been signed. It is not going to make any difference as far as the drinks are concerned. What is there in the name? People will drink it whatever may be the name.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: What happened to the notings of Secretaries to Government?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: I have given a proposal. I will come to Parliament with what has been cleared by the CCI.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): It may or may not satisfy you, Mr. Kulkarni. But you cannot convert this into a discussion. Now, Prof. Asima Chatterjee. One minute, please.

PROF. (MRS.) ASIMA CHATTERJEE (Nominated): Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister whether any analytical department would be established under the Punjab Agro-Industries Corporation which is very necessary for the analysis of the soft-drink, food, etc.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, I would like to make it very clear that this is not the Central Government's work. It is the Punjab State Government which will look after this. I have cleared a project which the CCEA has cleared and I think I have answered all the point raised by hon. Members.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): Let there not be any more questions.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Two clarifications of mine have not been answered.

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SHRI SURESH KALMADI: I sought two clarifications which have not been answered. One was when the export commitment was 60 per cent, whether and why it has been watered down to 50 per cent. A group of Ministers which met on 19th September made it 60 per cent; why was it watered down to 50 per cent? Secondly, how many Americans actually would be there in the Pepsi factory and visiting Punjab? The total number of Americans...

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Since the proposal started 3½ years ago a lot of objections came, new, new proposals came; what was there in the beginning is not there today. What I have said is all the proposals which have been cleared by the CCEA, I have given to Parliament.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: As a foreigner one cannot go to Punjab...

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Nobody will be allowed to break the law of this nation. If the Americans or others, whoever wants to or has to go to Punjab, they will have to follow the same patern as any European has to do.

SHRI ASHIS SEN (West Bengal): In the course of his reply the honourable Minister has made a comment that while putting forward this proposal the Punjab Government invited various political parties including my party. Invitation to all political parties to a meeting does not neces-

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sarily mean giving consent to that. As a constituent of Rajya Sabha, as a member of a particular political party, the CPM, I have got every right to oppose and I do oppose this proposal, the scheme for inviting Pepsicola.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: I hope you will tell your State units also to do that. I thought yours is a very organised party...

SHRI ASHIS SEN: Let that be left to me.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Why? I have the minutes. M. S. Jandila, C.P.M. (*Interruption*) Please make sure that you send a proper representative who represents your party next time.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार (बिहार) : माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने एक प्रश्न किया था कि इसमें कितने लोगों को काम मिलेगा, उसका जवाब नहीं आया है।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री हेच० हनुमनतप्पा): इसका जवाब दे दिया है ।

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : उन्होंने यों ही कहा कि 50 हजार को काम मिलेगा । मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि डायरेक्टली और इनडाइरेक्टली कितने लोगों को काम मिलेगा ? उन्होंने इसके साथ बहुत सारी बातें कहीं जिससे वह बात डायल्यूट हो जाती है । दूसरी बात मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि जो यह एग्रीमेंट हुआ है, क्या आप इस सारे के सारे एग्रीमेंट को हाउस की टेबल पर रखने के लिए तैयार हैं ? मैं फिर से मांग करता हूं कि इस सारे एग्रीमेंट को हाउस की टेबल पर रखा जाये ।

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: There are millions of agreements. We are not going to place all of them before the House.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि कितने लोगों को इम्प्लायमेंट मिलेगा ?

श्री जगदीश टाइटलर : आप तो ऐसी बात कह रहे हैं जैसे मैं इस इंडस्ट्री को चला रहा हूं । पंजाब गवर्नमेंट और उनका डिपार्टमेंट इसको चलाएगा । You write to the Punjab Government and they will probably give you. I have given an answer and I stand by that.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): On behalf of the Chairman, the Depty Chairman and on behalf of myself I extend hearty greetings for a happy Diwali to all Members and their families and to all members of the staff and their families.

Now the House stands adjourned to meet again at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 15th November, 1988.

The House then adjourned at four minutes past six of the clock, till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 15th November, 1988.

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